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Re: FOI Case No. 50124

Dear Mr. Freudenthal:

This is a final response to your January 24, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request emailed to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) FOIA Office, which was received in this office that same day. In two separate emails you requested the following:

"1 - Contracts and the latest report for the following projects:

- 1R13AI104216-01 (<http://grantome.com/grant/NIH/R13-AI104216-01>);
- 1U19AI115589-01 (<http://grantome.com/grant/NIH/U19-AI115589-01>);
- 5U19AI115589-02 (<http://grantome.com/grant/NIH/U19-AI115589-02>)

2 - Any list of people receiving payment as part of these projects. If such a list does not exist, then I'd like all of the contracts with people paid under these projects.

3 - Any/all agreements (such as contracts, Memorandum of Understanding, Terms of Reference, Material Transfer Agreements etc) of NIAID with the Kenema hospital from 01/01/2013 to 01/01/2017.

4 - Any/all agreements (such as contracts, Memorandum of Understanding, Terms of Reference, Material Transfer Agreements etc) of Tulane University with the Kenema hospital 01/01/2013 to 01/01/2017.

5 - Any/all reports or evaluation of the effectiveness/reliability of Ebola tests/assays by members of the Viral Hemorrhagic Fever Consortium (i.e. Autoimmune Technologies, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard University, Corgenix, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB), The Scripps Research Institute, the University of California at San Diego, the Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital Lassa Fever Program, and the Kenema Government Hospital).

PS: please include the following to the list of contracts in #1 above

- 1U01AI082119-03 (<http://grantome.com/grant/NIH/U01-AI082119-01>)
- HHSN272200900049C

And add:

6 - The Institutional Review Board approvals related to Ebola sample collection or data collect from 01/01/2014 with either Robert F. Garry or John Schieffelin as Principal Investigators"

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Your requests were broken down into seven separate requests and assigned the following FOIA Case Numbers:

FOIA Case No. 50120 - Contracts and the latest report for the following projects:

- 1R13AI104216-01 (<http://grantome.com/grant/NIH/R13-AI104216-01>);
- 2 - Any list of people receiving payment as part of these projects. If such a list does not exist, then I'd like all of the contracts with people paid under these projects.

FOIA Case No. 50121 - Contracts and the latest report for the following projects:

- 1U19AI115589-01 (which will include 5U19AI115589-02)
(<http://grantome.com/grant/NIH/U19-AI115589-01>);
- 2 - Any list of people receiving payment as part of these projects. If such a list does not exist, then I'd like all of the contracts with people paid under these projects.

FOIA Case No. 50122 - Contracts and the latest report for the following projects -

- 1U01AI082119-03 (<http://grantome.com/grant/NIH/U01-AI082119-01>)
- 2 - Any list of people receiving payment as part of these projects. If such a list does not exist, then I'd like all of the contracts with people paid under these projects.

FOIA Case No. 50123 - please include the following to the list of contracts in #1 above

HHSN272200900049C

FOIA Case No. 50124 - Any/all agreements (such as contracts, Memorandum of Understanding, Terms of Reference, Material Transfer Agreements etc) of NIAID with the Kenema hospital from 01/01/2013 to 01/01/2017. Any/all agreements (such as contracts, Memorandum of Understanding, Terms of Reference, Material Transfer Agreements etc.) of Tulane University with the Kenema hospital 01/01/2013 to 01/01/2017.

FOIA Case No. 50125 - Any/all reports or evaluation of the effectiveness/reliability of Ebola tests/assays by members of the Viral Hemorrhagic Fever Consortium (i.e. Autoimmune Technologies, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard University, Corgenix, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB), The Scripps Research Institute, the University of California at San Diego, the Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital Lassa Fever Program, and the Kenema Government Hospital).

FOIA Case No. 50136 - The Institutional Review Board approvals related to Ebola sample collection or data collect from 01/01/2014 with either Robert F. Garry or John Schieffelin as Principal Investigators

This is a final response to **FOIA Case No. 50124**, your request for Any/all agreements (such as contracts, Memorandum of Understanding, Terms of Reference, Material Transfer Agreements etc) of NIAID with the Kenema hospital from 01/01/2013 to 01/01/2017. Any/all agreements (such as contracts, Memorandum of Understanding, Terms of Reference, Material Transfer Agreements etc.) of Tulane University with the Kenema hospital 01/01/2013 to 01/01/2017.

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Staff in the following NIAID offices and divisions: Office of Global Relations; Division of Clinical Research; Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases; Division of Intramural Research; Division of Extramural Activities and the Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office searched their files and no records responsive to your request were located. While we believe that an adequate search of appropriate files was conducted for the records you requested, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist which would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, your appeal must be sent within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter, following the procedures outlined in Subpart F of the HHS FOIA Regulations (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/28/2016-25684/freedom-of-information-regulations>) to:

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Clearly mark both the envelope and your letter “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

If you are not satisfied with the processing and handling of this request, you may contact the NIAID FOIA Public Liaison and/or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS):

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In certain circumstances provisions of the FOIA and Department of Health and Human Services FOIA Regulations allow us to recover part of the cost of responding to your request. Because no unusual circumstances apply to the processing of your request, there are no charges associated with our response.

Sincerely,



Robin L. Schofield
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National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases